

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: *Rhodes, Lester Kent*
Serial No.: *10/743,630*
Filed: *12/22/2003*
For: *Crane Supporting Apparatus*
Confirmation No. *7407*
Art Unit: *3654*
Examiner: *Brahan, Thomas J.*
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APPLICANT'S REMARKS MADE IN AN AMENDMENT

COMES NOW the Applicant, Lester Kent Rhodes, and for his response to the Examiner's *Detailed Action* dated 4/5/2007 submits the following Remarks:

Remarks

1. This Response is submitted within a one-month's period of extension, the request of which is contemporaneously submitted and paid.

2. Prior to this Response, Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-11, and 13-18 were pending in the Application. Of those claims, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6. Each of Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 is cancelled, and no further response to the Examiner's rejections thereof is required.

3. The Examiner has objected to Claim 7 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, the Examiner indicates that Claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Amended Claim 7, which is contemporaneously submitted, has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Wherefore, the Applicant, Lester Kent Rhodes, respectfully requests that the Examiner's objection to Claim 7 be withdrawn; and that Amended Claim 7 be allowed.

4. Each of Claims 8-11 and 13-15 depends from Amended Claim 7, they each having Amended Claim 7 as a common parent claim. Accordingly, the Applicant requests that upon allowance of Amended Claim 7, each of dependent Claims 8-11 and 13-15 be similarly allowed.

5. Like Claim 7, the Examiner indicates that Claim 16 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, the Examiner indicates that Claim 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Amended Claim 16, contemporaneously submitted herewith, has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Wherefore, the Applicant requests that the Examiner's objection to Claim 16 be withdrawn, and that Amended Claim 16 be allowed.

6. Each of Claims 17 and 18 depends from Amended Claim 16, they each having Amended Claim 16 as a common parent claim. Accordingly, the Applicant requests that, upon allowance of Amended Claim 16, dependent Claims 17 and 18 be similarly allowed.

7. In the event an Examiner's Amendment would result in allowance of any or all claims, the Applicant invites and would welcome such an amendment.

Prayer

WHEREFORE, the Applicant, Lester Kent Rhodes, respectfully requests that pending Claims 7-11 and 13-18 be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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